

Dear Parents and carers,

We can't believe we are now starting our final term of the academic year. We have really enjoyed our year so far and look forward to some summer fun with the children.

This term, our main class topic is *Ancient Civilisations* which will mostly focus on history.

The children will be pleased to know that we plan to do Forest School on Fridays, every other week. We will inform you when it is your child's turn. Please ensure you read and practise timetables and spellings every night.

Miss Guy, Mrs Gleaves and Miss Hughes.

History: *Ancient Civilisations.*

This project teaches children about the history of three of the world's first ancient civilisations: ancient Sumer, ancient Egypt and the Indus Valley civilisation. Children will learn about the rise, life, achievements and eventual end of each civilisation

Spanish:

Birch Class will be learning how to introduce family members and pets. Children will also learn about school places and objects. Finally, in grammar, we will revise singular, plural and how to express preferences.

English:

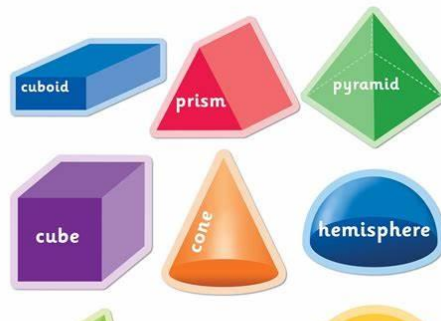
This term we will start off looking at the book, *The Silence Seeker* by Ben Morley. The children will write descriptions about cities, especially their noises and will complete the unit by writing a story using either the third or first person from the point of view of an asylum seeker. They will include details of the setting and some dialogue.

After half term we will study *Nen and the Lonely Fisherman* by Ian Eagleton and James Mayhew.

The children will write a fantasy story based on a classic tale incorporating lots of lovely description, dialogue, conjunctions and

Maths:

Our work this term will cover place value, addition & subtraction, multiplication & division, decimals, area, time, graphs, shape and fractions.



PE:

This term we will be looking at skills needed for athletics in preparation for the all important sports day. The children will also be looking at their dance moves to show off at the end of term production.

RE: This term our two key questions are: 'For Christians what was the impact of Pentecost?' and "How do festivals and family life show what matters to Jewish people?"

Music:

The children will have the opportunity to study the music of the Beatles, some classical music and will learn & perform songs for the end of term play.

Computing: We will be developing our computational thinking through solving problems effectively using the four areas of abstraction, algorithm design, decomposition and pattern recognition. We will be researching and storing data on spreadsheets.

Science: *Circuits & Conductors.*

The children will learn about electrical appliances and safety. They construct simple series circuits and name their parts and functions, including switches, wires and cells. They will investigate electrical conductors and insulators and identify common features of conductors.

Geography:

Through our topic of *Ancient Civilisations*, the children will study where these civilisations were and find out about their modern counterparts using globes and maps. They will see the importance of water to the development of towns and cities for drinking, irrigation and transport.

Art/DT:

Statutes, Statuettes and Figurines: Children will study the human form and use their clay skills to create Sumer-style figurine.

Islamic Art: This project teaches children about the features of Islamic art. They make geometric patterns and motifs on paper, with fabric and in clay.

Tomb Builders: All about simple machines, such as wheels, axles, inclined planes, pulleys and levers, exploring how they helped ancient builders move heavy loads.

Homework: This term, our homework will be to continue to read to an adult 5 times a week, practise our spellings each night and hone our times tables using TTRockstars. Please ask if you require logins or passwords.